

Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 6, 2006
12 Noon @ Angellino's
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

In attendance were: Ethel Mantzaris, Chairperson/Resident; Frank Perrotti, Assistant Chairperson/Resident; Michael Collins, Resident; Kevin Grunwald, Director, Department of Social Services Dept; Janit Romayko, YSB Coordinator; Pat Michalak, YSB Counselor; Eileen Griffin, Altrusa Network; Shawnee Mason, Grade 8, Mansfield Middle School; Jake Hovanic, Grade 7, homeschooled; Brittany Cushman, Grade 7, Mansfield Middle School; Addie Johnson, Grade 7, Mansfield Middle School

Regrets: Chris Murphy, Jerry Marchon, Rachel Leclerc, Candace Morrell, , Tom Miller, Valerie Thompson

Agenda items included:

1. Update:

a). Attached/reviewed. There were no questions/comments on #1 through 6. Janit Romayko commented on #7. The opportunity to participate at Rectory School Summer Camp remains to be determined as it is early June. YSB may not know until mid or late in the month. If so, there may be ten camper ships available for two weeks as in the past seven years. Each camper ship each week cost \$275, and the total would be valued at \$5500. The camper ships are funded by the Bishop's Fund of the Episcopal Church.

Secondly, the DVD project would be a joint venture of the Youth Service Bureaus of Mansfield, Ashford, and Willington. Each YSB will be given \$2000 and Ashford has agreed to be the fiduciary. The project will emphasize prevention and 3 to 4 students per YSB will be selected. At Mansfield Middle School, Donna Koropatkin will select the students and coordinate the project. Ms. Koropatkin has coordinated the project for NECASA and the last success was "The Secret Life of Girls", an 14 minute video about female bullying. The project is slated to begin the week of July 10th and it should take approximately two weeks of filming. Ms. Koropatkin will then edit the material into a DVD and show it to the parents at the end of September.

2. Student Appreciation: Ethel Mantzaris, Chairperson, presented each student with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card to Borders & Books for their appreciation at the meetings for 2005 – 2006. We also congratulated Shawnee Mason on her upcoming graduation from 8th grade to 9th grade. She will be attending E.O.Smith High School and looking into the basketball team. Addie Johnson, a prospective student member for the Advisory Board attended the meeting today. She was advised of the expectation of good grades/homework.

3. Tour Selection: The student group reviewed the facilities we toured this past year including Right Turn and Perception Programs, Department of Children and Families, Residential Treatment Center at Natchaug Hospital and Juvenile Court, Community Center (2005). The RTC had an impact on the students and they remarked about the time out cell. The students also like the visits from Tolland, Coventry, Ashford, and Willington to compare programs. It was suggested to visit the Tolland Teen Center with students from other towns in January but with the winter weather, it never occurred. Perhaps a visit in the fall could be arranged. The students also appreciated the Peers Are Wonderful Support Conference in March 2006 at Manchester Community College and would like to attend in 2007. It was also suggested to visit the new ECSU Child/Family Resource Development Center. It is on the ECSU Campus.

Meeting adjourned 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janit Romayko
Secretary

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NOTE: Next meeting will be, Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 10:00am

Change in date from the second Tuesday to the second Wednesday due to the Chairperson's obligation for Jury Duty, Rockville, CT.